

AN
ORDINANCE
OF THE
Lords & Commons

Assembled in
PARLIAMENT,
FOR
The speedy dividing and settling
the severall Counties of this King-
dom into distinct

CLASSICAL PRESBYTERIES
AND
Congregational Elderships.

Die Mercurii, 1 Martii, 1647.

O Rdered by the Commons assembled in Parliament,
That this Ordinance be forthwith printed and pub-
lished:

H: Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

London, Printed for Edward Husband, Printer to the
Honorable House of Commons, 1647.

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Lords of Commons

Albion in

PARLIAMENT

FOR

The City of London and

the County of Middlesex

from 1801 to 1818

General Assembly

AND

Congressional Elections

The House of Commons

from 1801 to 1818

General Assembly

and Congress

from 1801 to 1818

General Assembly

and Congress



Die Sabbathi, 29 Ianuarii, 1647.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, For the Speedy dividing and settling the severall Counties of this Kingdom into distinct Classsical Presbyteries, and Congregational Elderships.

The Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, being resolved speedily and more effectually to settle the Presbyterial Government, do Ordain, and be it Ordained by the Authority of the same, That the Committees and Commissioners for the Sixty thousand pounds per menssem, or any three or more of them of the severall Counties of this

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Kingdom, with the assistance of
 such Ministers and others as they
 shall think fit, do forthwith meet;
 and divide their respective Coun-
 ties into distinct Classical Presby-
 teries, where they are not already
 divided, and certifye such Divisions
 of the said severall Classes, which
 they either have, or shall make, to
 the Committee of Lords and Com-
 mons for judging of Scandal; to-
 gether with the Names of such
 Ministers and others as are fit to
 be of each Classis: And that the
 Chancellors, Vice-Chancellors,
 and Heads of the Universities, do
 likewise consider how the Col-
 ledges may be put into Classical
 Presbyteries, and do before the
 Twentysyth of MARCH next, cer-
 tifie the same up to the said Com-
 mittee of Lords and Commons,
 according to the Ordinance of Par-
 liament, Dated the Nineteenth
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of AUGUST, One thousand six hundred forty five; which Committee of Lords and Commons is required to approve and confirm the same as they shall think fit, immediately upon receipt of such Certificates; after which said Approbation of such Classical Presbyteries, or any of them, by the said Committee of Lords and Commons, the said Classical Presbyteries shall, and hereby have power within their severall Precincts, to constitute Congregational Elderships, according to the aforesaid Ordinance of the Nineteenth of AUGUST, One thousand six hundred forty five. And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Committee of Lords and Commons shall have power to bound the Provincial Assemblies in this Kingdom, and to increase the number of
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of Delegates which are or shall be sent to any Provincial Assembly as they shall think fit. And the said Committee of Lords and Commons shall also have power to constitute Juries within the Province of London, where need shall require.

H: Elfyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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Die Mercurii, 1 Martii, 1647.

WHereas an Ordinance of Parliament was lately passed for the more speedy and effectual establishment of the Presbyterial Government in the Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, and that by the said Ordinance the Classis of the severall counties were appointed to be returned by the Five and twentieth day of *March*; It is now Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, That the first day of *May* next be appointed for the returning of the said Classes; And that the severall counties do return their severall Classes by the first day of *May* next accordingly.

H: Ellynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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Die Mercurii, 1 Martii, 1647.

ORdered by the Commons in Parliament assembled, That Two thousand copies of the Ordinance lately passed, for the speedy and effectual establishment of the Presbyterian Government in the Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, be forthwith printed and published; And that the Knights and Burgesses of the several Counties, Cities and Boroughs do give order, That the said copies be sent unto the several Counties, Cities and Boroughs, to be distributed and published in the several Counties, Cities and places for which they serve.

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